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SUBJECT: HOUSING MINISTER RESIGNS; REPLACED BY ANOTHER ADMIRAL

1. RADM RAMON ARROSPIDE MEJIA, HOUSING MINISTER, RESIGNED TODAY AND REQUESTED RETIREMENT. MILGOV ANNOUNCED VADM AUGUSTO GALVEZ VELARDE, CURRENTLY COMMANDER OF FIFTH NAVAL DISTRICT AND AMAZON RIVER FORCE, WILL BECOME NEW HOUSING MINISTER.

2. COMMENT: ARROSPIDE RESIGNATION REFLECTS LINGERING DISCONTENT IN NAVY OVER EVENTS WHICH LED TO RESIGNATION OF NAVY MINISTER VARGAS CABALLERO LAST WEEK AND TENDS SUBSTANTIATE RUMORS THAT LARGE NUMBER OF RANKING NAVY OFFICERS ARE CONTEMPLATING RETIREMENT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ARROSPIDE (LIKE VARGAS CABALLERO) SPOKE UP PUBLICLY LAST WEEK IN SUPPORT OF RIGHT OF CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OF MILGOV, AND THIS STAND TRIGGERED PRESIDENT VELASCO'S MAY 29 PRESS CONFERENCE INSISTENCE THAT ONLY HE AND PRIME MINISTER ARE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR GOP ON POLITICAL ISSUES.

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